

**R E M A R K S****A. ELECTION/RESTRICTION**

Claims 1, 6, 7, 9 and 11-35 are pending and subjected to restriction requirement.

Applicants hereby elect alleged “Invention I” (Claims 1, 6, 7, 9 and 11-33) without traverse. Applicants note that Claim 26 is pending but was not listed in the detailed discussion of the restriction requirement in the Office Action. Applicants have assumed this was an inadvertent mistake and have included Claim 26 in the listing for “Invention I,” as Claim 26 depends from Claim 18 which was included in that listing.

Claims 34 and 35 are hereby cancelled without prejudice as being directed to non-elected claims. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of Claims 34 and 35 in one or more continuing applications.

The Office Action’s summary of “Invention I” reads: “Claims 1, 6, 7, 9, 11-25 and 27-33 drawn to determining an offer based on a round up amount and genetic program or algorithm....” Applicants respectfully submit that none of Claims 27-33 requires “determining an offer based on a round up amount and genetic program or algorithm...,” explicitly or implicitly, and traverse any implication that those claims should be interpreted as requiring such subject matter. To the extent the Office Action finds that the indicated claims are generally directed to determining an offer and it would not be a serious burden to examine all of Claims 1, 6, 7, 9 and 11-33, Applicants agree.

**B. PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND & AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE APPROPRIATE FEES**

Applicants understand that a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is necessary.

Please grant a petition for any extension of time required to make this Response timely. Please also charge any other appropriate fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 – 1.18 for this paper and for any accompanying papers to:

Charge: \$130.00

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**C. CONCLUSION**

It is submitted that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. The Examiner's consideration is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper or the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Michael Downs at telephone number (203) 438-6408 or via electronic mail at [mdowns@finchamdowns.com](mailto:mdowns@finchamdowns.com).

Respectfully submitted,

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